

Introduced by Senator CogdillFebruary 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 11120 of the Government Code, relating to open meetings.

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SB 1457, as introduced, Cogdill. Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Existing law creates the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, which requires that all meetings of a state body be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body, with specified exceptions. Existing law makes a declaration of public policy in this regard.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in the declaration of public policy described above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11120 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 11120. It is the public policy of this state that public agencies
- 4 exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and *that* the
- 5 proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the
- 6 public may remain informed.
- 7 In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that it
- 8 is the intent of the law that actions of state agencies be taken openly
- 9 and that their deliberation be conducted openly.

1 The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the
2 agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority,
3 do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good
4 for the people to know and what is not good for them to know.
5 The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain
6 control over the instruments they have created.
7 This article shall be known and may be cited as the Bagley-Keene
8 Open Meeting Act.

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